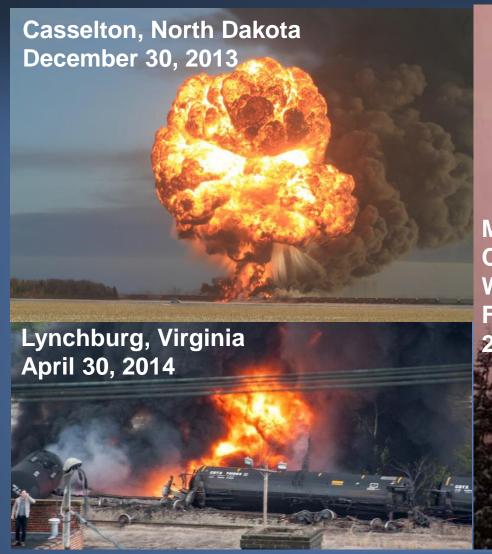


# Rail Tank Car Safety Roundtable Discussion

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# Safety Issues

- Railroad operations and shipper responsibilities
  - Route planning and route selection (Railroad)
  - Track integrity (Railroad)
  - Hazardous materials classification (Shipper)
- Emergency response
  - Planning
  - Response capability
  - Awareness and training
- DOT-111 and CPC-1232 crashworthiness
  - Puncture resistance
  - Thermal resistance
  - Fittings protection



### NTSB Tank Car Recommendations

- R-12-5: Enhanced tank head and shell puncture resistance and top fittings protection
- R-12-6: Redesigned bottom outlet valves to remain closed during accidents
- R-15-14: Thermal protection for tank cars transporting all Class 3 flammable liquids
- R-15-15: Appropriately sized pressure relief devices



### **NTSB Most Wanted List**



IMPROVE RAIL TANK
CAR SAFETY

NTSB Most Wanted List 2015



More crude oil and ethanol than ever is moving across America's rails. But accidents demonstrate that the tank cars moving these flammable liquids are not up to the task. It's crucial to strengthen existing rail tank cars and new rail tank car regulatory requirements.

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# Regulatory and Congressional Action



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Pipeline and Hazardoux Melerals Salety Administration 45 CERI Parts 171, 172, 173, at al. Hazardoux Melerals: Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls for High-Hazard Flammable Trades: Final Rule  PHMSA HM-251, Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls (May 8, 2015)

FAST Act (December 1, 2015)





### **NTSB** Most Wanted List



### New DOT 117 Tank Car

Full head shield Tank Jacket Thermal Protection **Top Fittings Protection DOT-117 TANK CAR** 

Valve Operating Handle



Tank Material 9/16 inch

### FAST Act Phase-Out Schedule

Commodity	Tank Car	Phase-out /Retrofit
Crude Oil		
	DOT-111 Non-jacketed	January 1, 2018
	DOT-111 Jacketed	March 1, 2018
	CPC-1232 Non-Jacketed	April 1, 2020
	CPC-1232 Jacketed	May 1, 2025
Ethanol		
	DOT-111 Jacketed & Non-Jacketed	May 1, 2023
	CPC-1232 Non-jacketed	July 1, 2023
	CPC-1232 Jacketed	May 1, 2025
Other Class 3, PG I		
	DOT-111, CPC-1232	May 1, 2025
Other Class 3, PG II & III		
	DOT-111, CPC-1232	May 1, 2029



# Milestones and Public Reporting

#### R-15-16

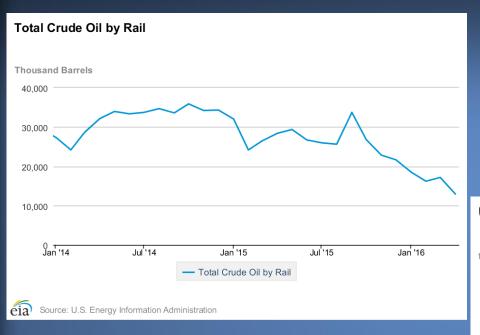
Require an aggressive, intermediate progress milestone schedule, for the replacement or retrofitting of legacy DOT-111 and CPC-1232 tank cars

#### R-15-17

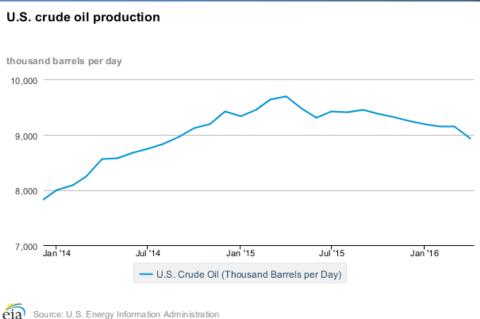
Establish a publicly available reporting mechanism that reports at least annually, progress on retrofitting and replacing tank cars subject to thermal protection system performance standards



# **Current Energy Market Conditions**

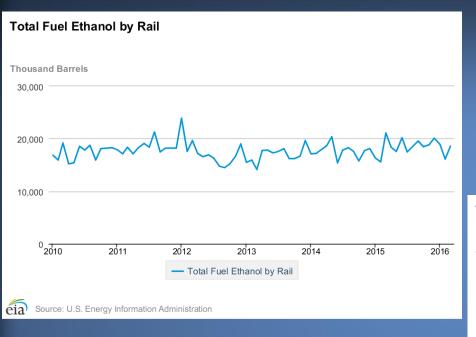


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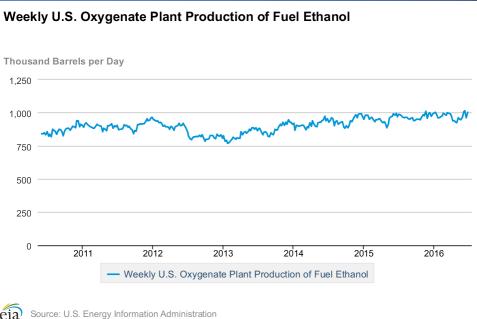




# **Current Energy Market Conditions**



### Ethanol





# TSB Canada: Recs and Investigations





# Assessment of Tank Car Damages

- Jacketed and insulated CPC-1232 tank cars vs. bare cars
  - Jackets did not prevent shell punctures in these accidents
  - Insufficient data to establish fire survivability of jacketed & insulated CPC-1232 cars



# Rail Safety Roundtable Agenda

- Topic 1: DOT-111 and CPC-1232 retrofit/phase-out schedule monitoring and compliance.
- Topic 2: Tank car manufacturing and leasing outlook
- Topic 3: Tank car shop retrofit logistics and capacity
- Topic 4: Factors influencing tank car owner decisions to purchase new DOT-117 tank cars, and retrofit or retire their existing fleets
- Topic 5: Path forward to implement the new tank car safety standards





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